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ACCOUNTABILITY

June 26, 2018

By email: comofc@oa.mo.gov

Attn: Public Records Coordinator
Missouri Office of Administration
Commissioner's Office
State Capitol Building, Room 125
P.O. Box 809
Jefferson City, MO, 65102-0809

Re: Missouri Sunshine Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Campaign for Accountability (“CfA”) makes this request for public records pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Law, Chapter 610, Revised Statutes of Missouri. This request seeks records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics, and including electronic records and information, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs.

Specifically, CfA requests from the Office of Administration Commissioner’s Office (“OACO”) the following:

- 1) Copies of all solicitations, proposals, memoranda, contracts, agreements, invoices, or other documents related to or representing a contractual agreement or other financial agreement between the Department and any third party that has received funds under the Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Program (the “Program”), or otherwise entered into a relationship with Missouri in order to administer or participate in the Program; and
- 2) Copies of all communications, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational materials, talking points, or other materials received by OACO from, sent by OACO to, exchanged between OACO and any vendor or prospective vendor seeking to operate as part of the Program, as well as communications between or among members of OACO regarding the Program or the vendors that provide services to Missourians under the Program.

This request is for records from January 1, 2013 to July 1, 2017.

By way of background, the Program was initially created through appropriations, but was codified in 2007.¹ The Program is currently administered by the Missouri Department of Social

¹ Mo. Rev. Stat. § 188.325.

Services; however, it is CfA's understanding based on communications with that department that the Program was administered by OACO until July 1, 2017. The Program has received over \$35 million since it was created.² While under the purview of OACO, the funding was distributed by OACO to individual vendors around the state that would then provide the Program's services.³

If it is your position that any portion of the requested records or of a particular record is confidential and therefore exempt from disclosure, please redact that portion and produce the remainder of the request records. M.R.S. § 610.024. In the event that a portion of a requested record is properly exempt from disclosure, please redact that portion and produce the remainder of the requested record. If you deny this request in whole or in part, please specify each exemption on which you are relying to withhold information.

CfA is a non-profit organization and seeks the requested information to inform and educate the public about the state's oversight responsibilities regarding public funding for private organizations. Accordingly, because CfA does not seek the requested information for commercial purposes, CfA therefore requests a waiver of any fees otherwise charged for searching and copying the requested records pursuant to M.R.S. § 610.026.1(1). If a fee waiver is not available, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$200.

Pursuant to M.R.S. § 610.023.3, please provide the requested records within three business days, or furnish a written acknowledgment of receipt of our request and the approximate date when the request will be granted or denied, as well as when we can reasonably expect to receive the responsive documents. If you deny this request in whole or in part, please specify each exemption on which you are relying to withhold information. M.R.S. § 610.023.4. If you are unable to meet this statutorily required time period or foresee any problems in releasing the requested records in whole or in part, please contact me at 202-780-5750.

Finally, I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you whether and to what extent this request can be narrowed or modified to better enable OACO to process it. If possible, please email the records to me at dstevens@campaignforaccountability.org. If the records are mailed, please send them to: Campaign for Accountability, 611 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, #337, Washington, DC 20003.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Stevens
Executive Director

² <https://rewire.news/article/2018/04/05/slashing-public-assistance-missouri-gop-boosts-tax-credits-fake-clinics/>.

³ <https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/a2a/>.